

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO
DECLARE JULY 15, 2005 AS "BOB FOSTER DAY" IN THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, Bob Foster is one of New Mexico's most
celebrated international sports figures and was elected to the
first class of the international boxing hall of fame in 1990;
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foster, born in Albuquerque's south valley
in 1938, has received awards from countless organizations
throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, he fought light heavyweight world champion Dick
Tiger before twelve thousand fans at Madison Square Garden to
take the world champion title and went on to reign for six
years as world light heavyweight champion; and

WHEREAS, Bob fought world-renowned heavyweights Smokin'
Joe Frazier in 1970 and Muhammad Ali in 1972 despite being in
the light heavyweight class; and

WHEREAS, he retired from boxing in 1978, with a career
record of 56-8-1; and

WHEREAS, Bob continues to work in semiretirement as a
deputy sheriff after twenty years of full service with
Bernalillo county; and

WHEREAS, he has generously donated his time to the New
Mexico boxing community, including youth at the San Jose

community center and professional boxers such as New Mexico's top-ranked light heavyweight, Jason Cordova;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that July 15, 2005 be declared "Bob Foster Day" in the legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to Bob Foster.